



ABSTRACT

Public Servants -Women Development & Child Welfare Department -Allegation of Corruption against Smt B.Gowramma W/o V. Nagaraju, Age: 57 years, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, Anantapur District -Trapped **on 13/03/2009** - Sanction of Prosecution -Orders -Issued.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT, CHILD WELFARE & DISABLED WELFARE (ESTT) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 34

Dt:19th December 2009

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ORDER:-

Whereas, Smt B.Gowramma, worked as Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, Anantapur District from 16/06/2008 to 13/03/2009 and by the virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, it was alleged that on 12/03/2009 at 1000 hours, Smt. N. Marekka W/o N. Sreenivasulu, Asha Health Voluntary Organizer, D.No.12-1-102, Kollapurammagudi, Rayadurg, Anantapur District, came to the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Anantapur and gave an oral complaint against Smt. B. Gowramma, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme Project, Rayadurg, Anantapur District which was reduced into writing. She has stated that she is native of Rayadurg town. She was working as volunteer of Asha Health Voluntary Organization, Rayadurg Town, Anantapur District since one year. She got married with Sri N. Sreenivasulu on 02/02/2006. A girl child was born to them on 06/08/2007 in Government Hospital, Rayadurg. She underwent Tubectomy operation at Government Hospital, Rayadurg on 29/12/2008, so that she would not have any more children further. She came to know that the *Government* of Andhra Pradesh would give Rs.1,00,000/- for the girl child under "Girl Child Protection Scheme" after the girl child attained 18 years of age. Accordingly she along with her husband, Sri N. Sreenivasulu met Smt B.Gowramma, Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg on 20/02/2009 and submitted an application to that effect. Along with the application, she enclosed the originals of Birth Certificate of her daughter, Baby Lalitha Bhavani (1 ½ year age), her Tubectomy Certificate, Caste-cum-Income Certificate and Nativity certificate. After receiving their application, the Project Officer, Smt B. Gowramma demanded an amount of Rs.10,000/- for forwarding their application to higher authorities. She and her husband expressed their inability to give that much bribe amount to her. Again on 11/03/2009, she and her husband met Smt B. Gowramma, Project Officer, Rayadurg at her residence, Rayadurg and requested her to forward their application for which she vehemently told them that their work would not be done without giving the minimum bribe amount of Rs.5,000/. They pleaded her stating that they were poor people and could not give the demanded amount. For that Smt B. Gowramma responded saying that their application would be forwarded to higher authorities only on giving of Rs.3,000/- as bribe, otherwise they should not come to her again. As there was no other go for them, she accepted to give Rs.3,000/- as bribe to Smt B. Gowramma. Then Smt. B. Gowramma told them that she was going to camp on 12/03/2009 and asked them to come in the afternoon of 13/03/2009 to her office and give the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/- to her. She was not willing to pay the bribe, but Smt B.Gowramma would not forward her application to the higher authorities without giving the bribe amount. Hence she requested to take legal action against Smt B. Gowramma for demanding the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/- from her.

3. And whereas, after completing all the legal formalities and after due verification about the antecedents of the Accused Officer and the genuineness of the complaint on 13/03/2009 at 0800 hours, Sri A. Bhaskar, Inspector of Police, Deputy Superintendent of Police (FAC), Anti Corruption Bureau, Anantapur registered the complaint in Cr.No.4/RCT-ATP/2009 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and took up the investigation and Smt N. Marekka was asked to come to the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau Anantapur Range, Anantapur on 13/03/2009 at 0900 hours along with the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/-which she intended to pay as bribe to the Accused Officer.

4. And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 13/03/2009 at about 1700 hours, Sri V. Giridhara, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau., Anantapur who first received the pre arranged signal from Smt N. Marekka, Trapped Smt B. Gowramma who demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/- for doing an official favour of forwarding the "Girl Child Protection Scheme" application of Smt N. Marekka to the higher authorities. During the Post Trap Proceedings-I, Smt B.Gowramma. voluntarily stated that she had taken the currency notes from Smt N. Marekka and counted them with her both hands and after counting it as Rs.3,000/- and holding it in her right hand. The both hands fingers of Smt B. Gowramma when subjected to sodium carbonate test yielded positive result. The tainted currency notes of Rs.3,000/- was recovered from the right hand of Smt B. Gowramma at her instance. The currency note numbers and denomination mentioned in the pre-trap proceedings were tallied. All the relevant files and the material objects were seized under cover of post trap proceedings in the presence of mediators.

5. And whereas; the said facts of Smt B. Gowramma, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, Anantapur District, constitute the offences *punishable* under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

6. And whereas, the *Government* of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Smt B.Gowramma, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, Anantapur District from her office, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them, in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Smt B. Gowramma, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, Anantapur District should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Smt B. Gowramma, Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Rayadurg, *Anantapur* District *for the aforesaid offences punishable* under section 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under the provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(M. CHAYA RATAN)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau,
A.P., Hyderabad

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER